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Mr Murry Watkins
Edgewater
Maryland

Dear Watkins:

I was glad to receive your letter. I had commenced to wonder what had happened to you.

Well you asked about the baseball for this year. Our league met in New York last week, and The American league is meeting in Chicago this week. We are going ahead with plans for the baseball. We have not received too much cooperation from the government, but the feeling amoungst all the owners is that the baseball is wanted and needed, so we will have to try and do the best we can.

We still have enough of the old Eagles plus some rookies to get a team together. In order to get all the men to report to camp on time, I am going to give them about \$20.00 a week plus expenses of room and board while in camp this year. Everybody needs a certain ammount of conditioning. We are going to train in Richmond, and stay at Virginia Union as before. Do you think you will be able to go to camp with us. We plan to leave here April 8th. I will give you \$250.00 this year. Maybe if you go to camp with the team, you will hit better. Your record for last year shows shows you in 48 games, ab 181, r28, h49, 2b8, 3b3, no home runs rbi 12, sb5, for an avarage of 271. These are of course only league games. I know you can hit better than this. I believe going to camp might help a lot.

I will be glad to hear from you right away, as I must make plans. It wont be long befor e opening. We will open the season May 5th or 6th. I hope you and family are well.

Very Truly Yours

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